



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 4,100 in Delaware.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 1,700 in Delaware.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Delaware: 220.6 **National:** 202.3

Delaware ranks 6th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 600 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Delaware.
- 500 men and women will die of lung cancer in Delaware.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Delaware	National
Overall	64.9	56.8
White	64.0	56.7
Black	74.9	66.4
Hispanic	56.3	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 700 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Delaware.
- 100 women will die of breast cancer in Delaware.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Delaware	National
Overall	31.2	27.7
White	29.7	27.2
Black	39.1	35.9
Hispanic	-	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 400 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Delaware.
- 200 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Delaware.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Delaware	National
Overall	22.2	21.2
White	21.0	20.7
Black	32.0	28.5
Hispanic	-	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 600 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Delaware.
- 100 men will die of prostate cancer in Delaware.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Delaware	National
Overall	35.2	32.9
White	29.6	30.2
Black	84.5	73.0
Hispanic	-	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Delaware death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.